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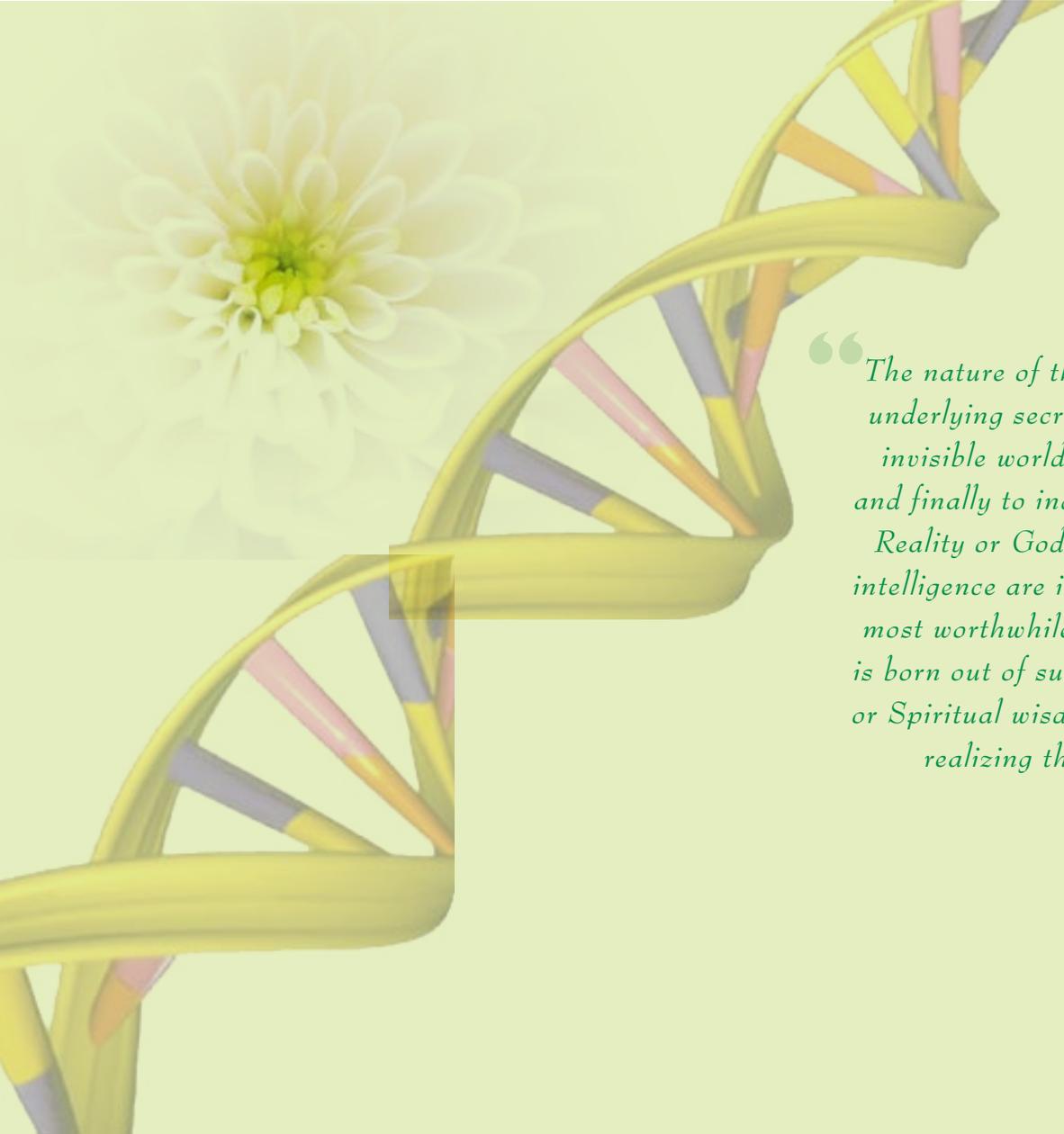
Kolkata

Promoting Dialogue between Science and Spirituality



Dr. T. D. Singh
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“The nature of the human soul is to explore the underlying secrets of the visible as well as the invisible worlds, to investigate the unknown and finally to inquire about the nature Ultimate Reality or God. The mind, the sense and the intelligence are instruments in this dynamic and most worthwhile exercise. Scientific knowledge is born out of such inquiry. Religious knowledge or Spiritual wisdom is also aimed at finding and realizing the same Ultimate Reality.”

— Dr. T. D. Singh

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ABOUT US

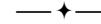


*B*haktivedanta Institute promotes scientific, philosophical and religious dialogues among scientists, scholars and religionists of the world covering various common conceptual grounds of science and religion in the search of reality for the purpose of creating

a better and harmonious understanding among all people. One of the primary activities of the institute is to support a closer examination of existing scientific paradigms in cosmology, evolution, physics, chemistry, biology, and other sciences incorporating inspirations and revelations from great religious traditions of the world in the search for truth and for the deeper understanding of reality.

We organize a regular series of lectures, seminars and workshops on science and spirituality, visit and hold interactive sessions with students at academic institutes and research oriented

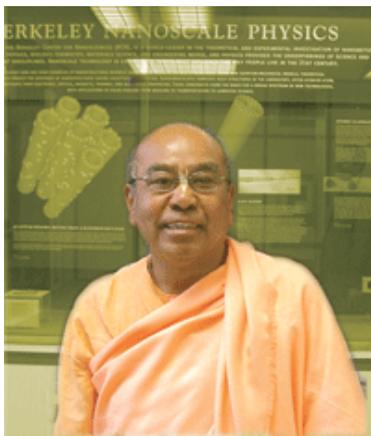
organizations such as, Indian Institute of Science, Raman Research Institute, DRDO, Ramaiah Engineering and Medical Colleges, National Institute for Advanced Studies and other institutions at Bengaluru. We also conduct discussions every weekend on various topics of common interest to Vedanta and science at the institute premises.



VISIONARY

Dr. T. D. Singh (His Holiness Bhaktisvarupa Damodara Swami)

A Unique Blend of Scientist and Saint



Dr. T. D. Singh received his PhD in Physical Organic Chemistry from the University of California at Irvine in 1974. He is a scientist and spiritualist known for his pioneering efforts in synthesizing science and religion for a deeper understanding of life and the universe.

He has contributed papers in the Journal of American Chemical Society and the Journal of Organic Chemistry in the field of fast proton transfer kinetics in model biological systems using stopped flow technique and NMR spectroscopy. He also worked on gas phase reaction mechanisms using Ion Cyclotron Resonance (ICR) spectroscopy.

He was trained in Vaishnava Vedanta studies from 1970 to 1977 under Srila Prabhupada and was appointed Director of the Bhaktivedanta Institute in 1974. He has organized four International conferences on science and religion - First and Second World Congress for the Synthesis of Science and Religion (1986 & 1997), First International Conference on the Study of Consciousness within Science (1990), and Second International Congress on Life and Its Origin. Collectively thousands of prominent scientists and religious leaders including several Nobel Laureates participated. He has authored and edited several books including What is Matter and What is Life? (1977), Theobiology (1979), Synthesis of Science and Religion: Critical Essays and Dialogues (1987) and Thoughts on Synthesis of Science and Religion (2001).

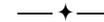
Dr. T. D. Singh departed for the spiritual abode on 2 October 2006.



2012—Year of Science and Spirituality



*B*haktivedanta Institute celebrated the Year 2012 as the Year of Science and Spirituality in honor of the 75th Birth Anniversary of Dr. T. D. Singh (Founder of Bhaktivedanta Institute). We celebrated this year by organizing numerous conferences and seminars to promote holistic development among the younger generation for a harmonious living and global peace, in various educational institutes around the country, on various themes of Science and Spirituality. The students were inspired and enlightened towards a balanced approach of scientific temper and spiritual wisdom



Highlights And Activity Report

January 2012

On 5th January we organized, “*Dr. T. D. Singh Memorial Lecture on Science and Spirituality*” by Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, Prof. Richard Ernst at Utkal University, Orissa.

February 2012

On 25th February a seminar on “*Bioethics: a stepping towards spirituality*” was organized at BMS Institute of Technology, Bengaluru.

March 2012

On 12th March a seminar on “*Effects of prayers on body and mind*” was organized at Government Unani Medical College, Bengaluru.

On 17th March a seminar on “*Artificial Intelligence*” was organized at RR Institute

of Technology, Bengaluru.

On 24th March a workshop on “*Time Management*” and “*Anger Management*” was organized at Government Unani Medical College, Bengaluru.

On 25th March a Conference on “*Science, Spirituality and Human Values in the 21st Century*” was organized at Niser, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

On 27th March a seminar on “*Man vs Machine*” was organized at Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Bengaluru.

On 28th March a seminar on “*Scientific Temper and Spiritual Wisdom for A Balanced Growth*” was organized at R. V. College of Engineering, Bengaluru.

On 31st March a seminar on “*Science and Spirituality*” was conducted at College of Agriculture, Sambalpur, Orissa.

April 2012

From 5th -28th April, “*Inspiring Billion Minds*” Lecture Series at more than 20 premier institutions in western and northern India from Jaipur to Kalka to Kurushetra – including lectures at NIT Jaipur and NIT Kurushetra were presented.

On 12th April a seminar on “*Intelligent Design and Fine Tuning*” was organized at H.M.S. Institute of Technology, Tumkur.

On 12th April a seminar on “*Synthesis of Science and Spirituality*” was organized at H.M.S. Institute of Technology, Tumkur.

On 22nd April a seminar on “*Search for God in the Age of Science and Technology*” was conducted at Delhi Technological University (DTU), Delhi.

May 2012

From 1st-14th May a two week “Yoga & Health Session” was conducted at Center for Vedic Sciences and Ayurveda Wellness, Navadvip, W.B. by Brihaspati Das, expert Ayurveda & Yoga Trainer.

Form 18th-20th May a “Short Course on Science and Spirituality” was conducted at Navadvip, W.B.

From 31st May the institute started the “Vedanta and Science Colloquium” every Thursday from 10am-1pm at its conference room. The topic for this fall is “Unlocking the Mysteries of Quantum Mechanics.”

July 2012

On 23rd July a special lecture on “Thermodynamics of Life” was organized at IISc, Bangalore.

On 30th July to 1st August, “Rupa Goswami Conference on Vaishnavism —Vaisnava Vedanta” was organized at Gopinath Bhavan, Vrindavan, U.P.

August 2012

On 3rd August a lecture on “God’s Mechanics” was conducted at Institute of Energy Management and Research (IEMR), Gurgoan, Haryana.

On 9th August a “Conference on Symbiosis of Science and Spirituality for Holistic Growth” was organized at National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal, Haryana.

On 14th August a seminar on “Science and Spiritual Quest” was conducted at Science College, Osmania University, Hyderabad.

September 2012

On 1-2nd September, 7th All India Students Conference on Science and Spiritual Quest (AISSSQ) was organized at J.N. TATA Auditorium, IISc Bangalore.

November 2012

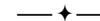
On 17th November a gathering for celebration of the auspicious karthik month was held at IISc Bangalore.

December 2012

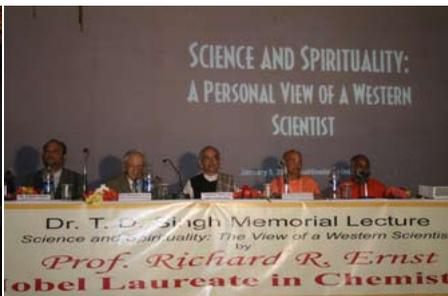
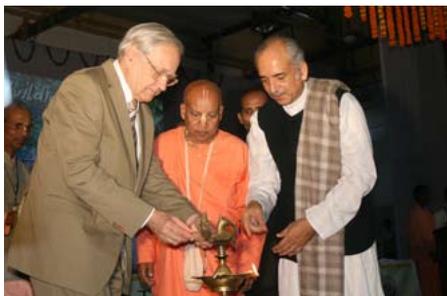
On 14th -15th December the “First International Congress on Vedanta and Science” was organized at Manipur University, Imphal, India.

On 15th December, “Untied Religion Initiative Program — Sowing the Seeds of Peace” was organized at Manipur, India.

From 14th -18th December, “75th Birth Anniversary of Dr. T. D. Singh” was celebrated with morning sessions on science and spirituality, and evening cultural programs on Vaishnava culture at Manipur, India.



Seminars AND WORKSHOPS



Dr. T. D. Singh Memorial Lecture on Science and Spirituality by Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, Prof. Richard Ernst at Utkal University, Orissa, 5th January 2012

From left to right (top):

- ✦ Lighting of lamps during the inauguration Prof. Richard R. Ernst, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingha Deb and His Holiness Subhag Swami, Advisor, Bhaktivedanta Institute;
- ✦ Guests of honour on the dais; Prof. Richard R. Ernst presenting his talk;
- ✦ Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingha Deb at the book display counter.



- ✦ Honouring of Prof. Richard R. Ernst, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry by His Holiness Subhag Swami, Advisor, Bhaktivedanta Institute.; Guests of honour on the dais; Prof. Richard R. Ernst presenting his talk; Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingha Deb at the book display counter (Above).
- ✦ Interactions of students with Prof. Richard R. Ernst (below)



'Inspiring Billion Minds' Lecture Series 5-28th April 2012



In the month of April we began our preaching tour in the northern India with our bus —Bhaktivedanta Institute on Wheels, consisting of a mini library. Our first lecture was given at NIT Jaipur, where the faculties and the students received us

very enthusiastically. Later we set our camp in the near by private educational institute. We came across students with different opinions about importance of spirituality in the modern age of scientific and technology. During our travel we also had an opportunity to visit the holy shrine of Govindji and seek His blessings for our further journey. Next we proceeded to Karnal where in we presented a lecture at NIT Kurukshetra, from there we headed towards Shimla and Kalka. On the way to Shimla we had an opportunity to also have a satsang program at one of the residents at Mandli we visited numerous schools and post-graduate colleges at Kalka. The students and teachers were happy to have our publications at their school and college library as well. Later we visited few more educational institutes as we were moving towards the outskirts of Chandigarh. Ram Mullak Educational Institute was one among

them, where in we had good interactions with the faculties and students. Later we proceeded to DTU, Delhi where in we were received very enthusiastically by Prof. P.B. Sharma, other faculties and students. We gave a short presentation at the campus and stayed there for about 2-3 days. Then we moved towards Aligarh and at Radhakund, we sought the blessings of our Spiritual Master and Gopinathji. We visited Vivekananda Educational Institute at Aligarh, where in we had the chairman and students attending the morning mangala arathi, later during the day we gave few presentations and students were very eager to have such sessions regularly at their campus. We also had an opportunity to meet the students of Mangalayatan University as well.



Bioethics: A Stepping Towards Spirituality at BMS Institute of Technology, Bangalore, 25th February 2012

The seminar was attended by the biotechnology students of 3rd and 4th year. They were very appreciative of this presentation as they found a new paradigm of science to re-examine the various bioethical issues rising with the rapid advancement in the field of biotechnology. It was presented by Kalicharan Nayak, Technical manager, GE Aviation.



Artificial Intelligence at RR Institute of Technology, Bangalore, 17th March 2012

The seminar was presented by Prabhakar Ballapalle, Staff Engineer at LSI R&D, Bangalore. The students were excited in understanding if we come ever build a machine which could not imitate human actions, then how are we be different from these machines. Do machines have intelligence? Are they conscious of their actions like us? These thoughts led them into rethink about the uniqueness of being human.

Effects of Prayers on Body and Mind at Government Unani Medical College, Bangalore, 12th March 2012

Research in the area of effects of Prayers and their positive effect on health and healing, was very impressive to the doctors and the students. The complementary approach of prayers and medications in the wellbeing and during illness was highlighted. The doctors were looking forward for such presentations at their campus at regular intervals, bringing in the new dimensions of synthesis of science and spirituality.





Man vs Machine
Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology,
B'lore, 27th March 2012

Machines, howsoever sophisticated and advanced they maybe, do not have self-awareness or consciousness. There is a fundamental difference between man and machine, very much like the fundamental limitation in simultaneously measuring the position and momentum of an electron, irrespective of any advanced instruments we may have in the future. The seminar was presented by Prabhakar Ballapalle, Staff Engineer at LSI R&D, Bangalore



Scientific Temper and Spiritual Wisdom for a Balanced Growth
R. V. College of Engineering,
Bangalore, 28th March 2012

In an attempt to fathom the secrets of nature, we have missed the deeper meaning and purpose of our own life and the universe we live in. It is ironic that in this advanced age of science and technology we are not able to find any deeper meaning and purpose of life – the very first question addressed in spirituality. This has caused a wide gap in wholistic growth of students and every individual. The seminar was presented by Prabhakar Ballapalle, Staff Engineer at LSI R&D, Bangalore

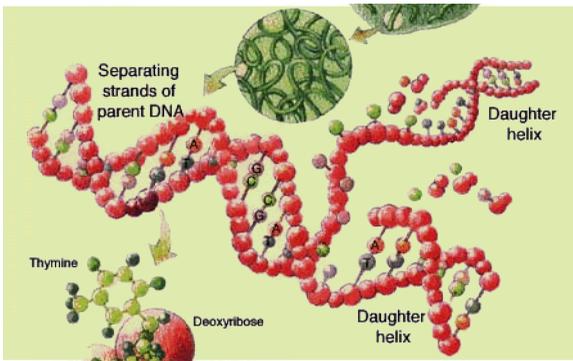


Synthesis of Science and Spirituality
&
Intelligent Design and Fine Tuning
H.M.S. Institute of Technology, Tumkur
12th April 2012

In spite of the monumental achievements of science, the dark side of science is that it also has the potential to demolish humanity and mother earth with nuclear, chemical, biological and other hi-tech weapons resulting in the loss of innocent lives. At this critical juncture a ray of hope for harmonious living can be seen in the partnership of science and religion that will catalyze and facilitate further progress in peacemaking. The seminar was presented by Kalicharan Nayak, Technical manager, GE Aviation.

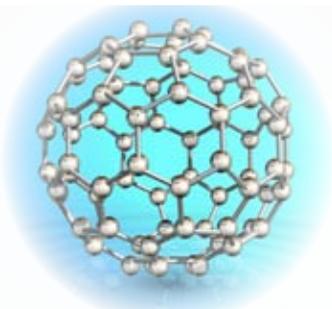


The dazzling display of fine-tuning and design reflected in the laws of nature, universe, life and matter directs our inquisitiveness towards the divine architecture or the intelligent designer. As we glimpse through the newly discovered marvels of the cosmos and life, one will be compelled to re-examine his opinion concerning the origins, evolution and essence of this wonderful world in which we live. The seminar was presented by Anand Deginal, Sr. Software Engineer at TCS, Bangalore.



Thermodynamics of Life
IISc, Bangalore. 23rd July 2012

As a thermal system built according to the laws of Thermodynamics meets with a failure if not run as prescribed, so is with the biological system – our present human body. It meets with mishaps, if it is not regulated as per the prescribed laws. Examples are plenty. Print and electronic media remain full of such news items. In leading a blissful life, how a proper understanding of science and spirituality helps will be discussed. This wonderful presentation was given by Prof. S. C. Mishra, IIT Guwahati.



God's Mechanics
Institute of Energy Management
and Research, Gurgaon, Haryana,
3rd August 2012



Science and Spirituality
College of Agriculture,
Sambalpur, Orissa
31st March 2012



Time Management and Anger Management Workshop
Government Unani Medical College,
Bangalore 24th March 2012

This workshop was attended by around 75 graduate students from various streams. The workshop stressed on importance of time management and how time can be effectively utilized. Some practical examples especially useful in student time were discussed. Also the importance of spiritual practices were discussed in the workshop. The Anger Management workshop dealt with various causes of anger along with different anger styles exhibited and observed by different persons. Some practical examples of Positive anger management styles and techniques were discussed along with their advantages keeping the students in mind. Finally the spiritual perspective on anger was discussed. The workshop was held in two parts of 45 minutes each. Time Management workshop was conducted by Mrs. Vasavi Kishore and the Anger Management workshop by Mr. Sameer Verlekar. The Principal and Vice-Principal of the College were very much appreciative after the workshop and requested Bhaktivedanta Institute to conduct more workshops and seminars in their college.

CONFERENCES



7th All India Students Conference on Science and Spiritual Quest IISc Bangalore, 1-2nd September 2012



With the rapid advancement of science and technology, human values and personal integrities are highly neglected and given least priority specifically by the current younger generation. Bhaktivedanta Institute, Kolkata organized a two-day conference at IISc, Bangalore with the central theme Integrating Capabilities with Values to rekindle the forgotten mind about the need of values and importance of human life.

The conference brought the scientists, spiritualists, administrator, professionals and students on a common platform at the Silicon Valley of India, at J. N. TATA Auditorium IISc Bangalore on 1-2nd September. The conference was inaugurated by His Holiness Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Dr. Balagangadharanatha Mahaswamiji (Padmabhushan) Pontiff, Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math. Other eminent personalities who graced the occasion were Prof. V.S. Ramamurthy (Padma Bhushan), National Institute of Advanced

Studies Bangalore, Dr. V.K. Saraswat (Padma Shri), DG, DRDO and Advisor to Raksha Mantri, Prof. S.C. Mishra, Chairman AISSQ from IIT Guwahati, Prof. Sudipta Ghosh, IIT Khargpur and K. Vasudeva Rao, President Bhaktivedanta Institute, Kolkata.

About 750 student and professional delegates from about 40 academic and professional institutions attended the national conference in which 20 reputed speakers from eminent academic, administrative and professional organizations of the country delivered their key note addresses. Notable personalities amongst the speakers include Prof. Sreekanth, NIAS Bangalore, R Sri Kumar, IPS, Central Vigilance Commission, New Delhi, Dr.R.P.Singh, Executive Vice Chairman of Jindal Power Limited, Gurgaon, Haryana, Padma Shree B. M. Hedge, Former VC, Manipal Institute of Higher Education and Prof. A.K. Mukhopadhyay, AIIMS, New Delhi and Prof. P. B. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Delhi Technological University, Delhi.



17.

First International Congress on Vedanta and Science
Imphal, Manipur, 14-15th December 2012

Honorable Deputy Chief Minister of Manipur, Sri Gaikhangam was the chief guest and Prof. Nanda Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Manipur University was our guests of honour. Other eminent personalities who graced the occasion were Honorable Minister, Social Welfare and Co-operation Km. A. K. Mirabai Devi; Dr. I. S. Khaidem, President, University of Bhagavata Culture; K. Vasudeva Rao, President, Bhaktivedanta Institute, Kolkata (Alumnus, IIT Kanpur)

Session conducted: : Road to Ultimate Reality: An Overview and Relevance of Vedantic Schools of Thoughts in Scientific Age; Physics & Vedanta; Panel and Interactive Session - Vedanta and Education; : Vedanta and Life Sciences in the 21st Century; Vedanta and Mathematical Thoughts; Sowing Seeds of Peace in Students - Interfaith Workshop cum Interactive Session with Rev. Charles Gibbs - Inspiring students and teachers from different schools and colleges of Manipur towards a sense of responsibility in peace-initiatives.



Conference on Science, Spirituality and Human Values in the 21st Century
Niser, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, 25th March 2012



SHORT TERM COURSE PROGRAMS



Two Week Yoga & Health Session
Center for Vedic Sciences and Ayurveda Wellness,
Navadvip, W.B.
By Brihaspati Das, Expert Ayurveda & Yoga Trainer
1-14th May 2012

A Short Course on Science and Spirituality
Center for Vedic Sciences and Ayurveda Wellness,
Navadvip, W.B, 18-20th May 2012



VEDANTA AND SCIENCE COLLOQUIUM

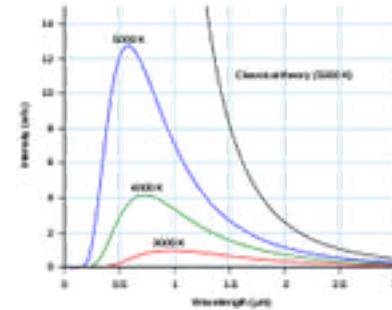
The institute organizes Vedanta and Science Colloquium every Thursday from 10am-1pm at its conference room. The topic for this fall is “Unlocking the Mysteries of Quantum Mechanics.”

The first the in the series of colloquium on unlocking the mysteries of quantum mechanics was held on May 31, 2012. The presentation focussed on the beginning of Planck’s “quanta - how black body radiation gave birth to quantum mechanics. It raised various issues regarding the understanding of black body radiation and the equipartition theorem.

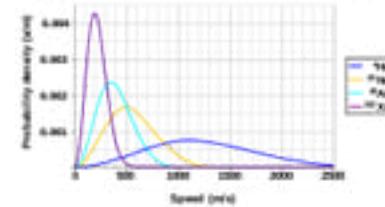
Latter the spectral lines of hydrogen atom were discussed and we tried to explore how these lines made Bohr to present a completely different picture of atom. There was a lot of deep exploration on how much reality can we really know.

Further in the series the presentation raised serious questions about how Bohr and further physicists though proposing quantum phenomenon still derived most of their formulations using classical mechanics - using same old classical picture of electron revolving around the nucleus and thus equating electrostatic force and centrifugal force - question was raised since we now know that electron is not as such rotating, it only depicts electron’s possibility of being in that location, what meaning and formulations we can derive from it - No rotation so no centrifugal force!

The colloquium moved further from Bohr atom - it included discussion on Sommerfeld elliptical model proposition, the difficulties in it and how de Broglie was inspired to propose that there is a wave ‘associated’ with matter. The matter wave he proposed and its localized aspect was discussed.



Maxwell-Boltzmann Molecular Speed Distribution for Nitrogen Gases



DR. T. D. SINGH SCIENCE AND SPIRITUALITY LIBRARY

The Bhaktivedanta Institute maintains a unique Dr. T. D. Singh Science and Spirituality Library, affording students and scholars the opportunity to review rare works. The Institute's library has been one of the finest collections on up-to-date science and spirituality literature available from around the world.

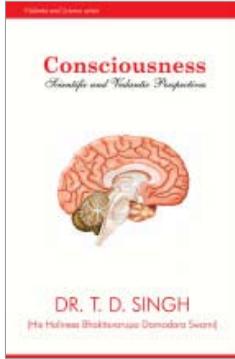
Below are a few featured titles found in the library:

Oxford Handbook on Science and Religion God's
Universe (Written by Harvard astrophysicist Owen Gingerich)
Introduction to Ayurveda
History of Mathematics
Visions of Compassion
Mind of God

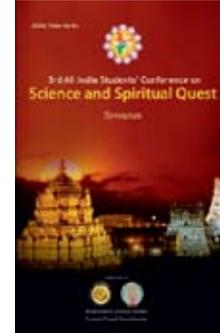
Dr. T. D. Singh Science and Spirituality Library (TDS-SSL) was founded and initiated by Institute's Founder and illustrious Scientist-Saint Dr. T. D. Singh. Because of his extensive travel, it was possible for Dr. Singh to browse in bookshops, libraries and antique galleries all over the world and pick up the best and latest in science and spirituality literature. He lectured at universities and somehow found time in between to keep expanding the collection. This collection included a number of very scarce publications and journals, and many classical texts on science and religion. What started his personal collection grew slowly to complete library with hundreds of chosen titles in wide fields of interest, from cosmology to life sciences to consciousness to philosophy and to countless other areas.



NEW RELEASES



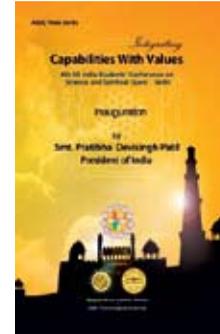
CONSCIOUSNESS:
SCIENTIFIC AND VEDANTIC PERSPECTIVES
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DVD
3rd All India Students Conference on
Science and Spiritual Quest
Tirupati, India, 22-23rd December 2007



ঈশ্বর ব্যক্তিরূপ
দুই নাবল লরিয়টর চিন্তাভাবনা
(Bengali Language)
GOD IS A PERSON
Dr. T. D. Singh (His Holiness Bhaktisvarupa Damodara Swami)



DVD
6th All India Students Conference on
Science and Spiritual Quest
DTU, Delhi, 12-14th March 2011

A GLIMPSE – CELEBRATION OF 75TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. T. D. SINGH



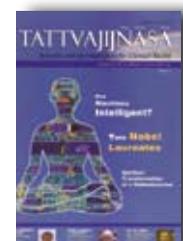
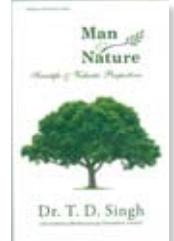
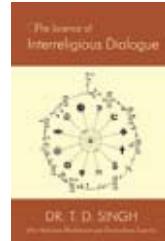
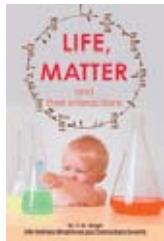
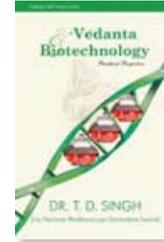
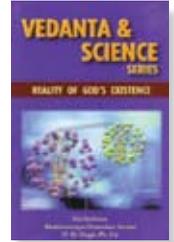
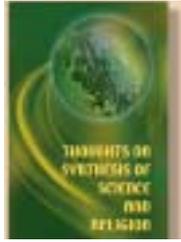
Five days celebration of 75th birth Anniversary of Dr. T. D. Singh (His Holiness Bhaktisvarupa Damodara Swami) at Manipur, 14-18th December 2012

While we had the Vedanta and Science conference during the morning hours, discussing on various topics of Vedic and Modern Science, the evening was a spiritual atmosphere of bliss and enlightenment with the dramas and dance depicting the Manipur Vaishnava Culture. Gita Govinda, Pastimes of Nimai Pandit, Life story of King Bhagyachandra were been wonderfully performed by the artists of Manipur which included students from Bhaktivedanta Mission School. These were being performed for the first time on this special occasion for the pleasure of our beloved Spiritual Master.

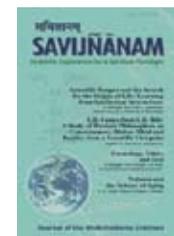
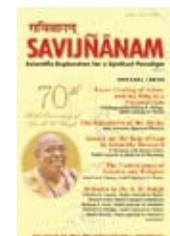
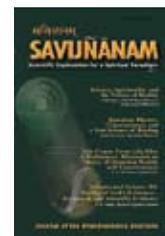
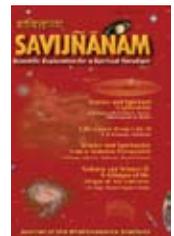
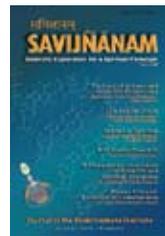
On 18th December, the Vyasa Puja was performed in

most jubilant manner, creating a festive atmosphere within and out. Numerous disciples from all around the world had gathered here for the celebration and also visited the birth place at Tobul. Glorification ceremony began with His Holiness Vyasa Tirtha Maharaja and was a wonderful opportunity for us to hear from him about Sripadaa Maharaja. Other eminent personalities who shared their unique experiences and appreciations were Rev. Charles Gibbs (URI), A.K. Mukopadaya (AIIMS New Delhi) and Dr. Ahindra Ghosh (formerly Dept. of Metallurgy, IIT Kanpur). Latter followed by this celebration was the sumptuous feast with numerous preparations of Manipur style and variety.





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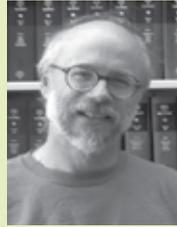
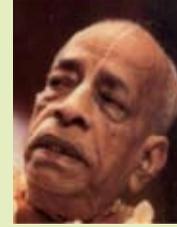
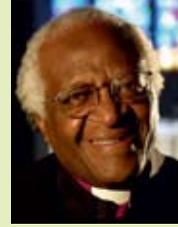
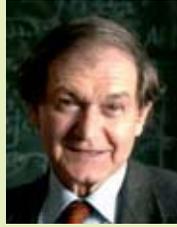
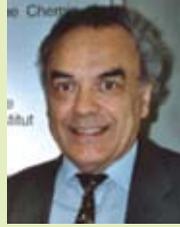
“The first gulp from the glass of natural sciences will turn you into an atheist, but at the bottom of the glass God is waiting for you.”

--Werner Karl Heisenberg
Founding Father of Quantum Mechanics

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There can never be any real opposition between religion and science; for the one is the complement of the other. ... And indeed it was not by accident that the greatest thinkers of all ages were deeply religious souls.”

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